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In re Application of: )  
Gary Karlin Michelson )  
Serial No.: 09/605,001 )  
Filed: June 27, 2000 )  
For: APPARATUS AND METHOD OF )  
INSERTING SPINAL IMPLANTS )

Group Art Unit: 3764  
Examiner: M. Brown

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

AMENDMENT

Prior to the further examination of the above-identified application, please amend  
the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on  
page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.

Amendment 12-29-03